



with Lowell Haag

Lowell Haag, is the coordinator of the Yeager Media Center at South Dakota State University.

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Managing Editor

The "Five minutes with" series focuses on an SDSU faculty, student or member of the Brookings community.



Q: What do you do for your job?

A: As I work for an enterprise service center, the role changes on a daily basis. (My role) could be on a Thursday directing a live television show, other times I am going out with a camera and a reporter. I'm the videographer, I'm the editor, I'm doing graphics and all kinds of different things that are behind the scenes in video and in television production.

Q: What's your favorite part about your job?

A: A successful broadcast. As my former boss, Pete Egart at South Dakota Public Television used to say, "If you get in on time, get out on time, you have been successful and anything that happens in between (the live show) is the icing on the cake."

It really honestly helps take the pressure off because if you screw up in the middle of a live broadcast you've screwed up. Don't focus on the screw up and move on to the next thing, because in a live broadcast there's always something new coming.

Q: What brought you to your position at Yeager Media Center?

A: Getting fired ... I worked at South Dakota Public Television until about June of 1995. At which that point they closed the studio up here in Brookings, which is a way of getting fired. But at the same time there was a new employer at SDSU they appointed me the guy to stay in Brookings and do these television programs that I've already been working on.

Q: You work with students at Yeager, why hire students?

A: Students are hired at the Yeager Media Center because, one, we need more bodies to do our jobs. Plus it gives them real-world experience in a hopefully safe environment to learn before they graduate and go into the harsh real world where one or two mistakes end up getting you fired.

Q: You've done it all, so what's your favorite form of journalism?

A: Some are more fun than others. When I was in high school and started as a proofreader at that weekly newspaper, and then got a still camera in my hand. Oh, taking pictures was a dream.



Collegian photo by IAN LACK

Brooke DeReu works with a fellow student at Washington High School in Sioux Falls during a mentoring session in TRIO's Upward Bound program, which is designed to help high school students make their way to college by providing guidance and support from TRIO workers like SDSU's Samantha Contarino.

The journey of first generation college students

IAN LACK
Reporter

Brooke DeReu is an ordinary high school student in many respects — she giggles with friends between classes, prepares for upcoming ACT tests and aspires to be a firefighter or a nurse.

However, the Washington High School junior stands apart from many of her peers as she will be the first member of her

family to attend college.

"I'm kind of scared, but still excited," DeReu said. "My sister was actually planning on it, but she couldn't follow through with it. She didn't go to college, so I want to be the first person in my family to actually go." DeReu plans to attend SDSU.

According to the National Center for Education Statistics, about 30 percent of American college students are first generation. They also have alarmingly

low success rates — only 11 percent of first generation college students graduate with bachelor's degrees.

"They're just at a disadvantage," said Samantha Contarino, director of the Upward Bound program at SDSU. "A lot of them are coming in not having the tools they need to succeed and go forward with their lives and that's why we're here."

Upward Bound is just one of the programs offered by TRIO, a

set of federally funded programs designed to help young students succeed academically and financially.

The Upward Bound program is designed to help high school students prepare for college life. Contarino spends a majority of her time traveling between four different schools in the area and mentoring students in the program.

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Boys and Girls Club celebrates 15 years

EMMA STAVNES
News Editor

This year, the Brookings Boys and Girls Club is celebrating 15 years of helping kids "realize their full potential."

The Brookings chapter has grown and become different since opening in 2003.

"In the beginning, we wanted to be a place where kids can go and just be safe. And I think we've really changed what we want," said Executive Director Vanessa Merhib. "We now want this to be a place where people can grow."

Despite hardships, the club has continued their mission to provide those who work for them with valuable experiences.

"Nationally, we are now the same size as the Boys and Girls Club of Cincinnati and the Boys and Girls Club of Minneapolis, but we are in Brookings, South Dakota," Merhib said.

When the club first opened, it saw only 42 kids per day, but now that number has grown to nearly 300 kids of all age groups.

Naturally, with the expansion of the club, changes needed to be made to accommodate the increasing number of kids.

One of the main changes was in location, and the transition to being a stand-alone club with separate classrooms for each age group and new programs and activities every half hour, said Program Director Chelsea Lang.

"Because of the move, we now have the different age groups separate and we teach them all differently in ways that will be useful to them," Lang



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The Brookings Boys and Girls Club is celebrating 15 years of providing a safe and fun after-school learning environment for kids of all ages.

said.

One of the club's main focuses over the years has been on educating and helping kids leave the club better individuals who are more prepared for success by making the club a fun, safe and creative environment, Merhib said.

Since expanding its building and staff, the club has reached out to alumni about their experience at the club.

"I haven't talked to one alumni who hasn't had something powerful to say," Merhib said. "Fifteen years later they tend to feel very positive about their time at the club."

However, with growth and change come hardships, and the club hasn't been immune to them over the years.

"Sometimes the hard decisions are over what kids to take or whether to expand or not or risks with money. But when hard decisions are made, you find out where you are weak or

strong or wrong," Merhib said.

Thankfully, the Boys and Girls Club have overcome the bumps in the road.

There are other places in town where parents could send their children, but the Boys and Girls Club stands out, said Julia Eberhart, who sends her two children to the club.

"When you work at the club, every once in awhile you just have a moment when you think 'this is why we are doing this,'" Merhib said.

The job itself is rewarding and everyday brings a new high and a new low, but the focus will always remain on the kids and how to make a positive impact on them, Lang said.

"What I like about this one is that it is five days a week and gives parents who don't have flexible jobs an opportunity to still send their kids to a preschool that will help them learn," Eberhart said.

SDSU hosts first Talent Open Mic

LAUREN FRANKEN
Copy Editor

SDSU students and Brookings community members are invited to perform at Talent Open Mic April 26 in the Student Union.

The African Student Association is teaming up with Our Growth Project to host the event, which both groups hope will give young people an opportunity to showcase their talent on a platform dedicated solely to OGP's mission: "Discovering greatness in youths through 'edutainment': education, art and entertainment."

Talent Open Mic is meant to not only to encourage students to perform, but anyone in the community who feels they have a talent worth sharing.

"They're open to the public as well, so we like to have everybody come to the platform where you can showcase your talent," Our Growth Project's founder Wilson Kubwayo said. "But it is educational in the sense that we all learn from each other."

This is the first time the event will be held in Brookings, and Kubwayo said he is excited to see what local talent SDSU students and Brookings community members have to share.

"The idea of getting together is to embrace our differences and have a good time together while learning from each other," Kubwayo said. "We recognize that art is an important thing, where people can communicate their message."

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Honoring Bonnie Leucke, ‘heart and soul’ of SDSU Air Force ROTC

BRIANNA SCHREURS
Managing Editor

About 200 ROTC and community members gathered under one roof to celebrate the retirement of the “heart and soul” of the South Dakota State Air Force ROTC detachment.
AFROTC secretary Bonnie Leucke is retiring after 31 years of what cadet Cole Jorgensen describes as “selfless service.”
“Over the course of her three-decade career, she has influenced the lives of over 350 Air Force Officers, many of whom she is still in close contact with today,” he said.
Leucke had a gift for knowing cadets, according to Lt. Col. Brian Schroeder.

“She remembers all the cadets that go through ROTC, and it’s hundreds and hundreds of people,” Schroeder said. “I can point to a picture of cadets and Bonnie can tell you their name, or at least a story or something about them.”
For cadet Jacob Carlson, Leucke was one of the first people he met when he decided to join the Air Force and feels like she is his detachment “mom.”
“When you come into college as a freshman you feel like you’re one student of a million other students,” he said. “But she made you feel like you were really special and you were special to her.”
Carlson organized the retirement ceremony. People came from all over the country to wish Leucke a good retirement.
Leucke was “in awe” of the



Collegian photo by ABBY FULLENKAMP

Eighty Air Force ROTC alumni and 60 AFROTC cadets attended Bonnie Leucke’s retirement ceremony April 19. Luecke was the AFROTC secretary for 31 years.

80 Air Force ROTC alumni, 60 ROTC cadets and community members that attended the retirement ceremony at McCrory Gardens.
Capt. Riley Hestermann said it was “pretty cool” to see people forced to stand at the ceremony because the 160 seats weren’t enough.
The ceremony included speeches, an open mic, a meet and greet and a presentation of gifts.
Leucke was coined by 15 alumni. Coining is an Air Force tradition where challenge coins are presented as recognition for hard work and excellence an individual has displayed, Carlson said.
Alumni also sent in patches from their different stations and

notes that were placed in a book for Leucke. She also received a flag that was flown over the Pentagon.
Head football coach John Stiegelmeier was among one of the guests there. He presented an SDSU football to Leucke, who Schroeder said is the “quintessential Jackrabbit,” and a season ticket holder.
“One theme was constant: she cares,” Hestermann said.
After retiring, Leucke is looking forward to spending more time with her grandchildren and working in the community. But cadets won’t go without seeing her again, Carlson said.
“She’ll still be around because she loves us so much.”

Senate discusses bike-share in final meeting of semester

EMILY De WAARD
Editor-in-Chief

Students’ Association had its final meeting of the 2017-18 year this week and focused heavily on bike-share brainstorming.
Open forum featured a presentation from a representative of the bike-share company Spin. Senate talked at length com-

paring Spin to VeoRide, another bike-share company SDSU is considering.
The body also brainstormed how campus and the community would be educated about proper bike use, how to enforce rules and build infrastructure to support a bike-share program on campus and/or in Brookings.
The rest of open forum was

informational presentations for Senate. Sen. Jennifer Mueller gave a rundown on parliamentary procedure and veteran Sen. Nick Lorang walked through resolution writing with the body. Lorang also presented on the Higher Learning Commission accreditation process SDSU is in.
Every 10 years, universi-

ties must be reaccredited by the HLC to grant financial aid and for degrees from the institution to be valid. Groups have already been at work on the reaccreditation process for a year and will continue into fall 2019 when a HLC Peer Review Corps group visits campus to evaluate.
The University Activity Fee and Budget Committee ap-

proved the FY19 general budget SA put forth a couple weeks ago. Now, Student Affairs and President Dunn just need to approve it.
Students’ Association will be back in action in the fall at its usual time and place: 7 p.m. Monday evenings in the Lewis and Clark room in the upper level of the Student Union.

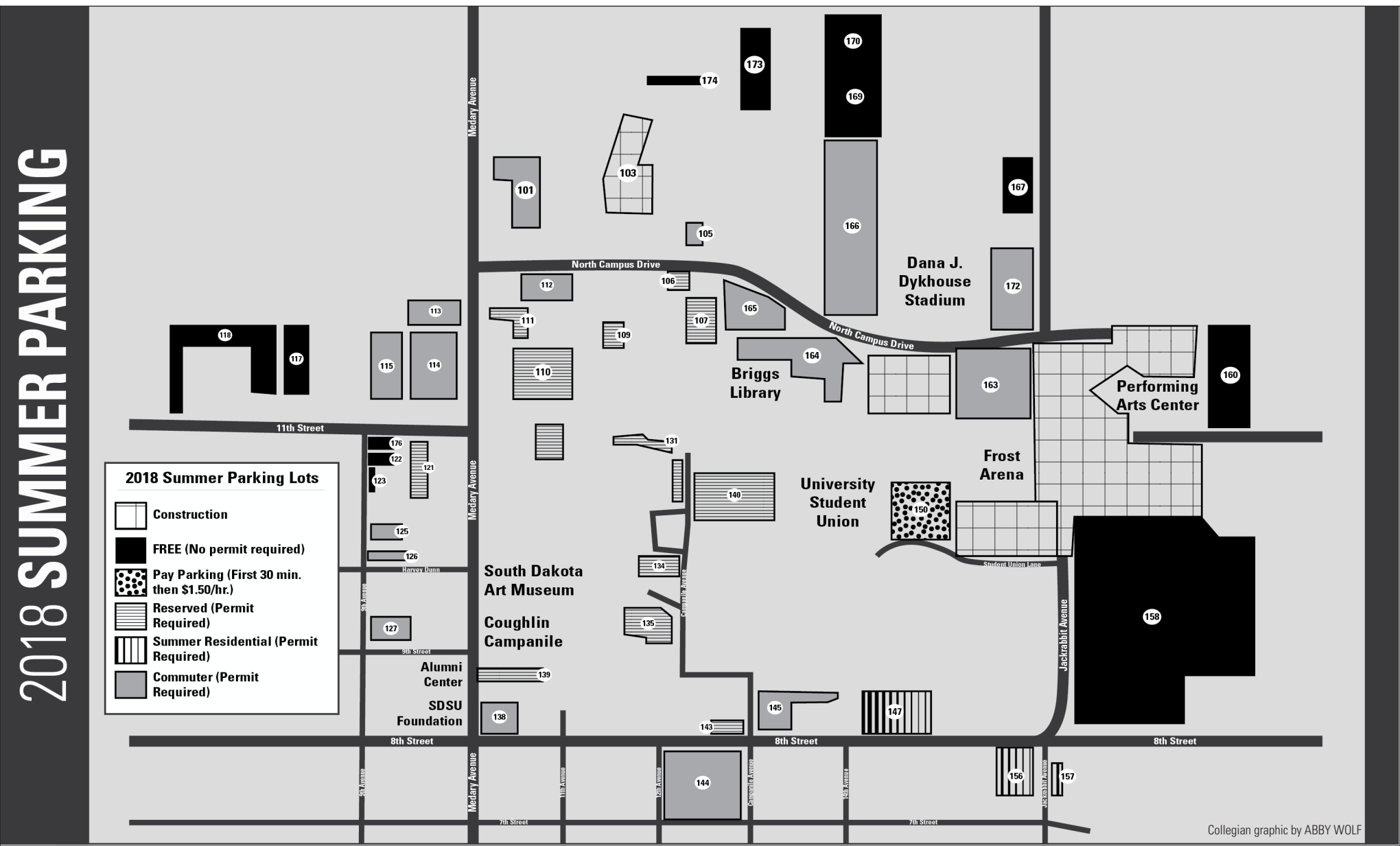
Summer parking updates

Two-wheel rules
Scooters, mopeds and motorcycles must be registered and have a permit to park on campus. Scooters must park in motorcycle parking areas March to November. Motorcycle parking is closed from December through February for snow storage. Unregistered mopeds and scooters parked outside motorcycle parking areas will be cited and towed at owner’s expense.

Transportation Services
Parking Services and Motor Pool are merging to become Transportation Services. All services provided by both departments will continue as usual. As of May 7, Transportation Services will be located at the Motor Pool Complex on campus at 1601 Stadium Road. Office hours will be 6 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

Parking permits
Parking permit rates will not increase for the 2018-19 academic year thanks to “prudent fiscal management and lower than expected maintenance costs,” according to an announcement from Parking Services. For nine-month permit holders, summer commuter parking permits are available for \$33 on the Parking Services website.

Where to park
Parking is still enforced over the summer, but there will be free parking available across campus, shown in the graphic below. For a detailed map of free, commuter, visitor and residential parking, visit sdsu.edu/parking. Any student working on campus during summer are still subject to park according to their permit type.



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Junk Jam offers crafts, food, fun in Brookings

SYDNEY WOOD
Reporter

Vintage and antique lovers, get ready to shop till you drop, the annual Junk Jam is happening in Brookings. The one-day event offers a variety of different items for sale, giving everyone the opportunity to find something they are interested in.

“Junk Jam is a great way to form connections and network with customers and other vendors,” said Sarah Dorn, owner of local handmade jewelry store, Mama Peacock. It is the second year the business has attended.

There are 42 vendors coming from all over the upper Midwest to sell a variety of items including: handmade jewelry and accessories, handmade and repurposed furniture, yard decor, graphic tees, hand-painted signs and vintage, rustic and industrial goods.

Vendors are not the only attraction at Junk Jam, there is also live music, a petting zoo and food vendors at the event. This year there will be three food vendors.

“We have Harry’s Yellow Submarine bringing smoked meats, burgers, hot dogs, breakfast burritos and traditional food truck fare,” said Noelle Morford, one of Junk Jam’s organizers.

Dakota Snow will serve

Stensland ice cream, gourmet snow cones and mini donuts. Sweet Kettle Madness will also be there to sell kettle corn.

For additional entertainment, performers will provide music during Junk Jam. There will be everything from The Oak Lake String Band to a group of five SDSU professors performing bluegrass music.

Freshman journalism major Mckenna Mathiesen attended Junk Jam last year.

“I have always been a lover of craft shows. Junk Jam is by far my favorite that I have ever been to,” she said. “The variety of vendors really makes the event great. I am looking forward to going this year.”

The event helps local small businesses like Dorn’s because of its size and proximity to the business owners. It is also a great collaborative event between the vendors.

Morford said most of the vendors are not in direct competition with each other, but Junk Jam allows them to create a friendly network to grow a community of makers.

The magnitude of the event requires a lot of prep work and takes all year to plan, Morford said.

“We really spend all year planning Junk Jam,” Morford said. “We’re slowly building and collecting fun pieces for our



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Junk Jam features crafts like handmade signs, soaps, jewelry and more. The event will have live entertainment and food trucks. Junk Jam will be from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Saturday, April 28 at the Swiftel Center Holding Barn.

booth and to decorate the venue.”

Leading up to Junk Jam, Morford constantly creates new and unique displays and pieces to add to the event.

The first 50 early bird cus-

tomers who attend from 9 to 10 a.m. will receive a free “swag bag.” The bag includes treats, coupons and items from a variety of different vendors at the show.

Junk Jam 2018 will be held 9

a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 28 at the Swiftel Center Holding Barn in Brookings. General admission is \$5. However, early bird admission is \$15 which includes a free “swag bag” and first pick at items at the event.



(Left) Graduate admin assistant, Alaina Hanks (Anishinaabe) gives a presentation at the Tunnel of Oppression on April 18 about how the police force takes Native Americans going missing and being murdered too lightly. (Right) Sophomore political science major Alexis Dooley and sophomore English major Mariah Macklem give a presentation of the wage gap America faces, which was part of the Tunnel of Oppression event April 18.



Collegian photo by JENNY NGUYEN

Tunnel of Oppression demonstrates minority discrimination

HALEY HALVORSON
Lifestyles Editor

Last Wednesday the Multicultural Center hosted the annual Tunnel of Oppression exhibit with help from five student organizations at South Dakota State University.

The five organizations involved were: Feminist Equality Movement, Latin American Student Association, Black Student Alliance, Residential Life and American Indian Student Center.

The Tunnel of Oppression is an interactive exhibit that brings attention to the different issues of oppression in society today, such as the lack of equal pay between men and women, discrimination and racism.

Program adviser for African American Programs Kas Williams has been organizing the national event at SDSU since it began more than four years go.

“Students get tired of us lecturing what is right and wrong

and this is something different,” Williams said. “The tunnel is uncomfortable and it’s meant to be uncomfortable.”

The expo included five stations dealing with issues including: police brutality, missing and murdered indigenous women and offensive messages on social media.

Each organization set up its own booth and demonstrated issues related to the oppression the minorities they represent face.

The Feminist Equality Movement spoke about the wage gap between men, women and minorities. The American Indian Student Center informed people about missing and murdered indigenous women.

The Latin American Student Association did a skit related to people being bystanders of an argument between two students about minorities not speaking English in the U.S.

“The station where they

started speaking Spanish and someone in our group starting arguing stuck out to me because I wasn’t sure if it was real and we had to say something,” said senior pharmacy major Shelby Retzer.

“

When she started crying that was kind of eye-opening for me because I’ve never seen someone react that way during this event.

AKEAH ASCHMELLER
BSA VICE PRESIDENT

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The Black Student Alliance booth informed people about police brutality and different high profile cases.

“We try to do something that, when students and faculty come in, it makes them feel uncomfortable but it makes them understand what we go through each and everyday,” said Akeah Aschmeller, sophomore pre-mortuary science and psychology major and BSA vice president.

Aschmeller, along with other members of BSA, focused the station on police brutality and the protest by NFL player Colin Kaepernick in 2016.

People were asked to read offensive tweets sent to Kaepernick after he took a knee in protest against police brutality during the national anthem.

Aschmeller helped organize the exhibit and told attendees it was OK to read the tweets a loud, but a woman was brought to tears and she refused to say a racial slur about African Americans.

“When she started crying that was kind of eye-opening for me because I’ve never seen

someone react that way during this event,” Aschmeller said.

Like BSA’s station, Residential Life’s station showed different offensive tweets and also displayed offensive pictures, text messages and posts from students at SDSU, USD and other universities.

Freshman biochemistry major Susan Grabenstein was surprised when she noticed a post making fun of people with service animals was from SDSU.

The Multicultural Center does the Tunnel of Oppression every year and can offer students a new perspective and understanding of the oppression minority groups face every day.

“Next year, just come out and see the tunnel ... this is an opportunity to share some of these groups’ experiences and become exposed and aware of these different cultures,” Williams said. “It’ll be uncomfortable, it’s OK and you’ll survive.”

10 healthy ways to hop through finals week

MIRANDA NAGEL
Reporter

It's the dreaded time of the semester yet again when things begin to pile up and it seems like you may never get everything done. With deadlines growing by the minute and final exams quickly approaching, stress is bound to come creeping in.

Fear not, there are ways to make the end of the semester bearable and control stress.

1. Make a schedule

This may seem beyond basic, but it is incredibly helpful to know exactly what's happening and when. Just assuming when exams and deadlines are can lead to confusion and mix-ups that just add to stress, rather than reducing it.

"I try to stay organized. I have a master calendar that I have hanging by my front door that I try to check whenever I leave the house, so I know what

I have due or going on that day," said Kayla Myers, senior apparel merchandising major.

2. Get enough sleep

A good night's sleep allows you to tackle stress more easily. According to the American Psychological Association, sleep is proven to reduce stress. Try not to nap during the day. Instead, get to bed at a reasonable time for a good night's rest.

3. Enforce healthy habits

"If I'm eating healthy and drinking water I feel better, have more energy and am more motivated to succeed," said junior psychology major May Dang.

A good diet ensures sustainable energy to help power through those long hours of studying.

4. Take a break

Now that the snow is finally melting away and the sun is out, take a walk and get some fresh air to help relieve stress.

"I go to the gym almost every

day and take time to myself to do things like paint my nails and watch an episode or two of my Netflix show," said junior nursing student Dallas Hellman.

5. Sweat the stress away

Not only does exercise provide a much-needed break, it will release built-up stress and tension related to school or just life in general. Whether it's going for a run or attending a fun workout class, getting some exercise is a good way to sweat some stress away.

"Working out is extremely important, the by-product is endorphins that are released in our brain that make us feel calmer," said SDSU counselor Darci Nichols.

6. Lean on friends and family

There is nothing more calming than spending quality time with someone who makes you feel safe and understood. College students are all in the same boat right now, so it may be helpful

to talk to one another and vent about stress. Also, a call home to mom or dad always seems to fix everything.

7. Prioritize

Take a look at everything that needs to get accomplished, see what's coming up next and work on that first. Take things one assignment at a time, that way it's not so overwhelming. Hellman suggests writing lists.

"I make lists of the things I need to do and prioritize them based on when they need to be done," he said. "It makes me feel better seeing all of the things I need to accomplish and being able to check them off as I finish them."

8. Try relaxation techniques

Yoga and meditation can help reduce stress and anxiety. It can be as simple as just taking a deep breath to calm yourself down. Places such as b.well Brookings, Prairie Soul Yoga and the Wellness Center are all great

resources to take advantage of.

9. Laugh


Comedic relief is a huge way to reduce stress. The physical act of laughing releases tension and provides physiological changes. Find more ways to incorporate laughter into your day can certainly bring more joy and reduce stress.

10. Ask for help


There are many resources on campus students can go to when it all becomes too much. Attend SI sessions if possible, schedule an appointment at the Wintrose Student Success Center or, if talking helps, make an appointment with Counseling Services for a vent session.

"Start preparing for finals early. If students have borderline grades or are worried, they should set up a conference or visit with instructors ahead of time to see what they can do to achieve those goal grades," Nichols said.


Jack's Weekly Horoscopes




Aries
Mar 21 - Apr 19
Plan a night out with a fellow Jackrabbits this week and unwind.




Taurus
Apr 20 - May 20
Issues with Hobo Dough come up this week. Take time to balance it.




Gemini
May 21 - Jun 20
Connecting with other rabbits could lead to a new friendship this week.




Cancer
Jun 21 - Jul 22
Difficulties with your Jackrabbit friends might lead to a negative week.




Leo
Jul 23 - Aug 22
A boost of confidence this week helps you through a busy bunny schedule.




Virgo
Aug 23 - Sept 22
Take a mini vacation with your fellow Jackrabbits and relax.




Libra
Sept 23 - Oct 22
Guidance from somebunny might help you stay focused this week.




Scorpio
Oct 23 - Nov 21
Issues with a fellow Jackrabbit might interfere with your relationship.




Sagittarius
Nov 22 - Dec 21
A new opportunity leads to a big change in your work life, Jackrabbit.




Capricorn
Dec 22 - Jan 19
Another bunny supports you to finish the end of the week strong.



Aquarius
Jan 20 - Feb 18
Spending time with other Jackrabbits offers a new opportunity to try.



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the Collegian Editorial

#SaveStudentNewsrooms

More than 100 student newsrooms around the country are writing editorials in support of the #SaveStudentNewsrooms movement, highlighting the struggles and importance of student media, on April 25.

Student newsrooms big and small are constantly facing difficult situations, including the loss of funding, preserving independence, downsizing staff and losing editorial freedom through censorship by their university's administration.

In a time when both true and false information are nearly indiscernible at first glance, and spread so rapidly, it is even more important for the news to be accurate and fair. Accurate and fair reporting is born in school newsrooms where student journalists learn by doing what professional journalists do every day.

The college campus is not immune to the problems of the

world, and the combination of people from many different social, political and economic backgrounds can lead to very real conflicts that must be reported on.

Recently, The Daily Orange of Syracuse University took the lead in extraordinary coverage of racism within the Theta Tau fraternity. Last semester, The Collegian reported on a student dressing in black face, as well as white-supremacist activity on campus.

It was student journalists who were first on the scene of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas school shooting.

Whether it's conflict on campus, collegiate sports or a Students' Association meeting, college newsrooms report on everything from the eye-catching to the mundane. Most importantly, student newsrooms keep a record of one of the most important institutions in this country: education.

Students deserve to know

where the university is putting their tuition money and what decisions the administration is making on their behalf. Student media also plays a vital role in recording pivotal moments in its university's history.

The Collegian remains an independent publication from the university. We are fortunate to freely report on issues that matter to students, faculty and community members.

Every week, we work into the early hours of the morning to produce accurate, timely and important news which informs and educates the campus community. Many of us spend more time working at the newspaper than we do in class.

We, at The Collegian, stand in solidarity with student journalists across the nation in dedication to ethical journalism and our role in reporting on the truth while "writing the first drafts of history."

#SaveStudentNewsrooms.

The Collegian Editorial Board meets weekly and agrees on the issue of the editorial. The editorial represents the opinion of The Collegian.



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The spring 2018 Collegian editorial staff shows its support for the national movement #SaveStudentNewsrooms. On April 25, more than 100 newsrooms across the country are shedding light on issues student media faces on college campuses.

Do your part: take care of shared living spaces



NATALIE HILDEN
Opinion Editor

Nothing frustrates me more than the blatant disregard students seem to have lately shared spaces, in residence halls.

Now, I know the year is coming to end and we are all plagued with an end of semester pressures, but that is no excuse to disrespect the community you live in, your fellow students and the people who clean up after you.

Everyone has to learn to be on their own, and learn to clean up after themselves, but this prob-

lem is continuous on campus and has gotten a lot worse in the final weeks of the year.

There are week-old dishes in the sinks, Ramen in the drains, Q-tips in the drinking fountains and trash covering bathroom floors.

Why do we still have signs on bathroom stalls reading, "don't forget to flush?" Isn't flushing the toilet and cleaning up after yourself something that should be common knowledge for a college student? I mean, we are adults.

Come on, Jacks, let's leave our shared spaces the way we would like to find them. Channel that inner voice of your parents' telling you to pick up that wrapper, or clean that plate and let's be part of the solution, not the problem.

Doing your dishes while

cooking is a good way to not have loads of them to do when you're done feasting on your delicious creation.

If you want to bring out your inner "baller" and toss your water bottle or pizza box in the trash, but miss your shot, take the time to pick it back up. Picking up your trash shouldn't be another person's job.

Properly clean out the sink after washing your dishes. It takes a few seconds to go the extra mile and rinse your food down the drain or throw the excess in the trash where it belongs.

If you're grossed out by the food-covered stove or hair clumps in the shower, make an effort to ensure you don't leave our community spaces in the same shape when you use them.

We have all learned the

proper ways to clean up after ourselves, and that should be nobody's job but our own. Take some time to evaluate the way you are using your spaces and, while you're at it, give a "thank you" to a member of SDSU's cleaning staff. They do so much for our living spaces which we should all appreciate.

You never know, it might just make their day a little brighter and job a little easier.

Everyone's small actions can help make our halls cleaner, happier and healthier places to live. It may be the end of the semester, but it is never to late to improve.

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Digital age, apps complicate love



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Meeting someone is harder than ever before because it's too easy to swipe left or right on an endless catalog of potential partners. Dating apps have killed the college dating scene.

When it comes to actually meeting up with someone, commitment issues are all too real. The indecisiveness built into this dating app culture traps us into a perpetual cycle of swipes and an all too familiar script of late night meaningless conversations.

Conversations that typically go like this:

Him at 2 a.m.: "U up"

You at 2:04 a.m.: "Yes."

Him at 2:09 a.m.: "Wanna hang?"

You at 10:30 a.m.: "Nah. Maybe later."

College is a time for us to expand our social skills and conversations like this hinder us. How many conversations like this have we had?

World peace seems easier than getting a boyfriend at this point. Figuring out the dating culture of today is a bigger project than I have time for.

In the past, was it really this tiring? Did my mom have to stay up till 2 a.m. for a guy to finally give her the time of day?

We all know the answer is most likely no. There was a conventional process back then for dating. One that made it less awkward, dreadful and confusing.

Kerry Cronin, a professor of philosophy at Boston College, believes our culture has lost the ability to date because our generation has no "script" when it comes to dating.

She discovered this lack of norm while asking students if they were seeing anyone and other questions about their relationships.

"The more we talked about it, the more I detected both wistfulness and anxiety among the students over the thought of graduating without having developed the basic social courage to go on a date," she said.

She discusses how our generation has not been given the rules to ask someone out.

Cronin eventually made it a requirement as a part of her class for students to ask someone on a date in person, without involving drugs, alcohol or sex. Students found the assignment confusing, so she started offering definitions and tasks to help.

She set a few rules to coach her students through low-risk casual dating, like: the date shouldn't be any more than \$10 or there should be a plan within three days of asking someone out.

Cronin's assignment makes the point very clear: there is a lack of understanding of how to form relationships and the 2 a.m. Tinder tango is not helping.

Let's end this unhealthy dating culture and try to make dating a little easier for all of us through a little more clarity and courage.

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New Students’ Association body excited to serve, engage



ALLYSON MONSON
SA President

As everything else on campus comes to close, one organization begins.

Students’ Association just elected a new senate for the upcoming academic year. With fresh perspective and insight, each senator has already proven to be dedicated and committed to SDSU and the students they serve.

This new perspective was evident in the last two meetings of the 2018 spring semester where the 2018 Senate brainstormed for the new General Activity Fee Strategic Plan and compiled recommendations to submit to the GAF Strategic Plan Steering Committee. Each senator thought outside the box, pitching their wildest dreams for SDSU, while also making recommendations to improve the current offerings on campus.

Each senator set three goals for his or her term, and I have full faith many of these goals will be accomplished. The individuals around the table this year practice stewardship and maintain a students-first philosophy. Demonstrated in our first two meetings, these students put on the hat of their constituents and are ready to tackle the challenges that await. The student body is fortunate to have an eager group of senators dedicated to service.

With this eagerness and creativity displayed by our new

senators, I want to also stress the role the rest of the student body plays this upcoming year. It is important we work together — as students and as SA — to achieve our vision.

Your thoughts, concerns and recommendations fuel senators to create the change you wish to see. I encourage each of you to interact with your college’s and our at-large senators. They are your voice — utilize their connections and ability to compose legislation to put your thoughts into action.

The first step can be as easy as stopping by the SA office, located right next to the Center for Student Engagement. Enjoy our comfy couch, coffee and puzzles as you hold great conversation with your representatives. Talk about life or change you would like to see on campus — whatever the conversation brings, we are just happy to see you.

Finally, I want to articulate to you how honored I am to serve as your president for the upcoming academic year. I look forward to what we can accomplish together. Never has this office been about an individual. Rather, this position is about demonstrating moral and ethical courage to represent a whole student body.

In the coming year, I want to share the vision of SDSU with you and make our wildest dreams realities. Let us find success in our passions and work collaboratively with one another. I look forward to this year and serving you all. GO JACKS!

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Citizens change political conversation



NICK WENDELL
Brookings City Council Member

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it’s the only thing that ever has.”

Anthropologist Margaret Mead spoke those words decades ago and their meaning has only strengthened with time. While we live in an era filled with political moments and movements jockeying for coverage and social media relevance, many of the decisions that have the most substantial impact on our daily lives occur on a local level. And the most impactful are often made by a relatively small group of locally elected officials and engaged citizens.

Last week, thousands of people in Brookings visited their

polling stations and cast their votes to select city councilors, school board members and determine whether or not to support a property tax opt-out to benefit the Brookings School District. With each ballot cast, voters took part in an exercise fundamental to the democratic process. Unfortunately, municipal elections have historically low turnouts among voters between ages 18 and 24.

This trend is troubling because decisions related to taxation and quality of life initiatives — usually made by local councils and boards — can have a significant impact on the average cost of rent, utilities and fees for public services. The outcome of a local election determines which projects and programs a city or school district prioritizes.

I have served on the Brookings City Council since 2016 and in my relatively brief tenure we have taken action related to bicycle friendliness, sustainability, affordable housing and inclusivity. Each of those actions was

voted on by city councilors and, in many cases, was proposed by task forces, committees and commissions populated by appointed citizens.

Decision-makers in Washington, D.C. and Pierre might feel too distant to reach, but on any given night there is likely a group of elected officials or volunteer leaders doing good work just blocks away from your keyboard or supper table. Lend your voice to conversations that matter to you. Raise your hand or apply to volunteer. Learn more about important issues and share your perspective with others. At the very least, vote in every single election.

Be a thoughtful and committed citizen and you can have an impact on the world. Hopefully, the group you’ll be joining as a young voter won’t always be small.

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Role of ‘the media’ needs to change



IAN LACK
Columnist

“The media” is an age-old term, mostly used in reference to people who report or talk about the news.

Over time, the connotation around this term has turned sour. In the aftermath of the 2016 presidential election, Americans trust in “the media” sank to a new low. A Gallup poll dating back to the late 1990s shows a steady decline in trust for “the media.” We

now stand at a meager 32 percent in overall trust among the public.

What led to this decline in trust for “the media?”

A couple of things, but the repeal of the Fairness Doctrine, a policy that called for neutrality in news coverage, contributed to this. While it was unnecessary and unconstitutional in some regard, the Fairness Doctrine curbed news coverage to a more neutral space.

As for “the media,” biased reporting should be like jaywalking. You should try to avoid doing it, but you definitely shouldn’t get a ticket if you do it.

But what can we all do to collectively to restore the credibility

of “the media?”

Two things need to happen. First, news agencies have to stop prioritizing opinion pieces and focus on covering a wide variety of issues neutrally.

Second, news watchers need to diversify their news intake, but also aim for coverage they think skews neutrality.

The image of “the media” falls on all of us to some degree. Perception of something is in the eye of the beholder, but at the moment, what should be done to improve the image of “the media” isn’t being done.

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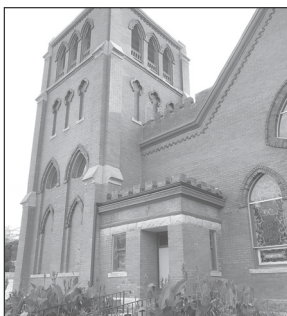
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(Left) Three Washington High School students touch base with Upward Bound Director Samantha Contarino, left, after classes to discuss a change in date for their upcoming ACT testing. (Right) Upward Bound Director Samantha Contarino, right, talks with students in the program about possible scholarship opportunities. Contarino and the students met in the classroom for their mentoring session April 12.

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"She's shy, but she's really

DeReu became involved with Upward Bound in eighth grade. Through it, she has attended multiple Saturday programs that have helped her prepare for college, from practicing for ACT testing to career searching. She

"Before I joined Upward Bound I never really thought about college and it never crossed my mind," DeReu said. "But after I did, it changed my views and I would tell anyone to join it."

In one afternoon mentoring

"They do things to prepare you for what you're going to go into," DeReu said. "I feel more prepared. My experience will be better."

Currently, 63 students are

The most important thing DeReu said she's taken from the program is "the experience to be able to pass my classes."

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"[OGP] brings diversity and flavor to campus," Odeleye said. "Bringing a touch of an outside community while keeping touch with the student population."

The featured artists are musician Travis Nye and singer and

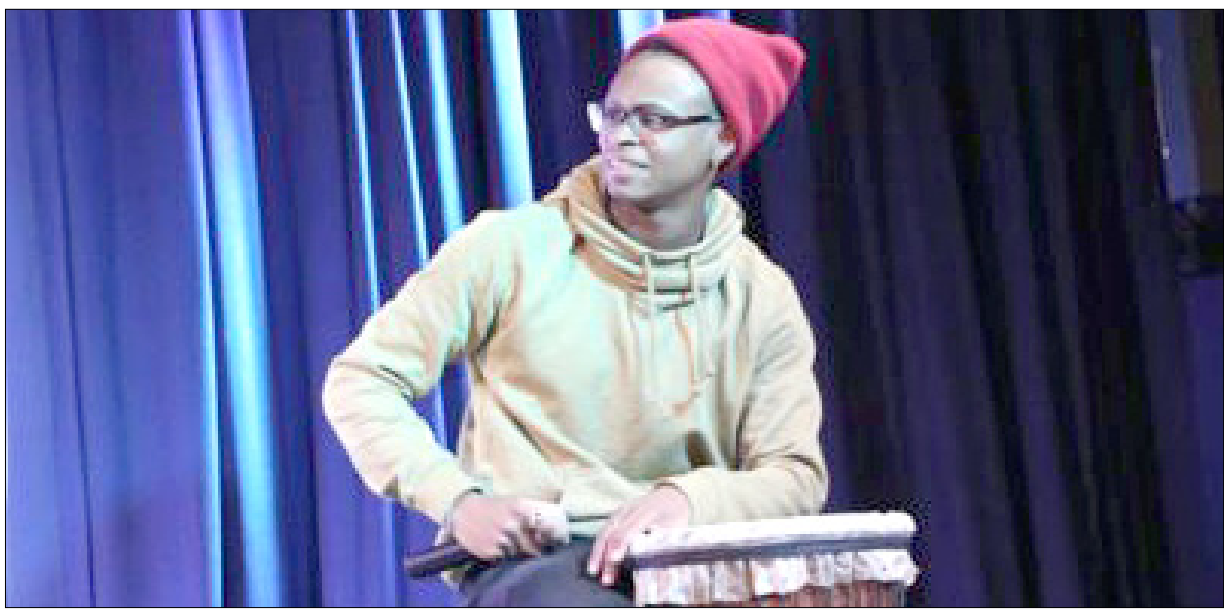
dancer Soleil Bashale.

Since launching OGP in October 2016, Kubwayo has amassed 15 shows and anticipates crowd sizes growing as Talent Open Mic broadens its range of venues to include Sioux Falls, Vermillion and Brookings.

“Anytime OGP is allowed to showcase what we are about is always exciting,” Nye said. “Especially when it is our first time being invited to a new venue.”

Kubway said, on average, around 100 people attend the shows, and Odeleye is optimistic Brookings will become a regular site for OGP's Talent Open Mic.

“I am 100 percent sure that it will be successful,” Odeleye said. “I look forward to seeing another OGP open mic night in Brookings in the future.”



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Soleil Bashale performed for the Talent Open Mic Night December 2017. Bashale will be one of two featured artists at this year's Talent Open Mic, which will take place Thursday, April 26 in the Student Union.

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(Left) Senior quarterback Taryn Christion completed nine of his 16 attempts and passed for 160 yards and two touchdowns at the 2018 SDSU Spring Game April 20 at the Sanford Jackrabbit Athletic Complex. (Top) Junior wide receiver Jacob Brown (1) caught five passes for 97 yards and a touchdown. (Bottom) Redshirt freshman wide receiver Deyon Campbell could be a breakout star for the Jacks in 2018.

Jacks football: key losses, returnees

TRENTON ABREGO
Sports Reporter

This is a breakdown of what the Jacks look like position by position.

Quarterbacks
Key returnee: Senior Taryn Christion
Key loss: Dalton Douglas

Christion connected on nine of his 17 attempts for 160 yards and two touchdowns during the Spring Game.

“Taryn is still getting used to some of the receivers,” head coach John Stiegelmeier said.

He’ll be the clear-cut starting quarterback when the regular season starts. But the question remains, who will be the second-string?

“They are all battling for the number two spot, nobody has separated themselves,” Stiegelmeier said.

There are three quarterbacks competing for the spot, including sophomore Kanin Nelson, junior Justin Roberts and redshirt freshman Ethan Bullock.

With Christion being a senior, the second string quarterback could be the starter in 2019.

Running backs
Key returnees: Senior Isaac Wallace, redshirt junior Mikey Daniel
Key loss: Brady Mengarelli

Despite losing Mengarelli, who led the team with 849 rushing yards, the running back depth for the Jacks is one of their strengths.

Returning for the Jacks are Wallace and Daniel, who have contrasting styles of play. Daniel finds success running up the middle and in short yardage situations, while Wallace thrives on the corner and in the open field.

The depth at running back will be provided by multiple underclassmen, one being redshirt freshman Pierre Strong, who ran for 60 yards on 12 carries and a touchdown during the Spring Game.

“He’s going to have to battle to play,” Stiegelmeier said. “He’s going to have to establish himself on the depth chart as number three.”

Sophomores C.J. Roths and Blair Mulholland also look to give depth to the running back corps this season.

Wide Receiver
Key returnees: Junior Jacob Brown, junior Marquise Lewis,

senior Alex Wilde
Key loss: Jake Wieneke

The one loss at the receiving corps is a significant one — anytime you lose an NFL talent like Wieneke, it will be.

Brown, Lewis and Wilde will look to fill the void that Wieneke left. Brown had the catch of the night at the spring game when he made a one-handed catch in full stride. He ended the night with five catches for 97 yards and two touchdowns.

Tight End
Key returnees: Sophomore Skyler Cavanaugh, junior Kallan Hart
Key loss: Dallas Goedert

Another position that lost a lot of talent, but has two returnees that can fit in nicely. Cavanaugh and Hart are two different players. Cavanaugh is more of a route runner, where Hart is a blocking first tight end.

Cavanaugh caught 12 passes last season, which was second in tight end receptions for the Jacks.

“He’s got to improve. He has the skill set to make plays, but he’s got to get bigger and stronger,” Stiegelmeier said.

A player to watch from the tight end corps will be Caleb

Shauf, a redshirt freshman from Sparta, Wisconsin, who had a big spring for the Jacks.

Offensive Line
Key returnees: Senior Sepestiano Pupungatoa, senior Tyler Weir, junior Wes Genant
Key losses: Charlie Harmon, Jacob Ohnesorge

This might be the biggest question mark on the Jacks roster. The Jacks lost two of their top performers on the offensive line.

“You saw our lack of depth in the scrimmage,” Stiegelmeier said. “We are two starters out (Weir and Pupungatoa) but still there’s not a lot of guys there.”

Defensive Line
Key returnees: Junior Ryan Earith, senior Chase Kern,
Key loss: Kellen Soulek

The Jacks return Ryan Earith, who led the defensive line with five sacks for 34 yards and wreaked havoc in the backfield against Missouri Valley Football teams.

“We have to get two defensive ends that can rush the passer consistently, I know that will happen, I feel good about the defensive line,” Stiegelmeier said.

Linebackers
Key returnees: Junior Christian Rozeboom, senior Dalton Cox
Key loss: None

With Christian Rozeboom returning and leading the linebackers for the Jacks, they will be in good hands. A linebacker squad that had a solid 2017 campaign looks to get better.

Sophomores Logan Backhaus, Noah Urbanek and Seven Wilson all received valuable experience during the 2017 season and look to improve on their freshman year.

Secondary
Key returnees: Senior Jordan Brown, senior Alex Romenesko, junior Marshon Harris
Key losses: Anthony Washington, Nick Farina, Chris Balster.

They might have lost some talent in the secondary, but their depth grew. This might be the second deepest position for the Jacks — only to the running back corps.

“There are good players at the safety positions, just not much experience,” Stiegelmeier said. “Makiah Slade, Romenesko, it’s their turn.”

Sophomore golfer strives to improve on, off the green

CARSON HERBERT
Sports Reporter

It is not easy for anyone to move from one country to another. Learning a new language, adapting to a different climate and being thousands of miles from family and friends are all challenges someone faces living in another region of the world.

The process gets more chal-

lenging if the international student expects to participate in a collegiate sport as a student athlete.

Sophomore Teresa Toscano has successfully transitioned from living in Huelva, Spain, to being one of the Summit League’s best golfers as a member of the South Dakota State women’s golf team.

“She’s been a big success sto-

ry,” said head coach Casey VanDamme. “Her English was really poor when she got here and she really did well and took to the South Dakota State culture. The people here were so helpful to her in her first semester and without the culture, without Brookings and SDSU, I don’t know if she would have been as successful and confident.”

Toscano started playing golf when she was 6 years old and learned how to play the game from her father.

“It’s getting popular now, but it is still one of the smaller sports in Spain,” Toscano said.

VanDamme connected with Toscano’s golf coach in Spain in 2016 through mutual friends in the golf business.

“It all kind of happened real fast that June and by August she was here,” VanDamme said. “She had a lot of talent with her technique and power, so we were really lucky and excited for her to come here.”

Toscano was recently

placed on the 2018 First-Team All-Summit League after topping her 2017 stats by shooting her career-best, and team-low, stroke average of 73.68. This was second overall in the conference.

VanDamme, who is in his fourth season with the Jackrabbits, said Toscano has adjusted and changed as a person since she first came to SDSU.

“She’s gotten better at every aspect,” he said. “I think when you are an international student, first when you come over to the states, there is a learning curve of just getting comfortable living in a different place, speaking a different language and we live in a different climate than what she is used to.”

VanDamme said Toscano has continued to improve her golf game as well.

“From the golf perspective, I think her technique has gotten better. Her mind and the way she approaches practice and the way she strategizes playing on the course all have improved,”

he said.

The best is yet to come for Toscano, as she looks forward to her next two years as a Jackrabbit and prepares for a possible future playing professional golf.

“I’ve worked with LPGA players and she is every bit as good as them,” VanDamme said. “Here at South Dakota State, I think in the end, she will be one of the best players to play here. She is an elite player, but an even better person.”

In terms of the future, Toscano has many goals she hopes to achieve.

“I hope to keep improving my game as much as I can,” she said. “I hope to go pro someday. If I can make it in the United States, I will stay here.”

Toscano’s improvement was showcased Tuesday when she tied for second at the Summit League Championship in Nebraska City, Nebraska. She tied for third in 2017 and hopes to win the tournament next season.



Collegian photo by **ABBY FULLENKAMP**
Sophomore Teresa Toscano was named to the First-Team All-Summit League and finished tied for second at the Summit League Championships this season.

Summit League regular season title up for grabs

ANDREW HOLTAN
Sports Editor

A three-game series sweep of the Fort Wayne Mastodons moved the South Dakota State softball team into second place in the Summit League.

The Jacks' (27-12, 8-3) offense was red hot, outscoring the Mastodons 26-9 in the three games.

"We were hot from top to bottom. I think we almost hit .400 as a team," head coach Krista Wood said.

Wood said it was nice that the bottom of the order was able to get on base, so the top of the order could drive them in.

Junior infielders Megan Rushing, Bailly Janssen and Yanney Ponce, who all hit at the bottom of the order, went a combined 12-23 with two runs batted in.

"I think our defense played out of their shoes in the third game," Wood said. "Madison [Hope] came in and pitched and made better adjustments at the plate."

SDSU will play its biggest series of the season in the final games against a Summit League opponent, the Western Illinois Leathernecks, April 28 and 29 in Macomb, Illinois.

WIU entered conference play 8-22, but have a league-best 8-1 record in the Summit League. If the Jacks can win at least two of the three games against the Leathernecks, they will be the Summit League regular season champions.



Collegian photo by **ABBY FULLENKAMP**
Junior Ali Herdliska readies to bunt the ball during practice April 9 in the SJAC. The Jacks face Western Illinois April 28 and 29 in Macomb, Illinois. SDSU is 27-12 overall and 8-3 in the conference.

Wood said the Jacks will not put more pressure on these games.

"We tell our kids one game at a time, one inning at a time, three outs at a time," Wood said. "We kind of break it down into small increments, instead of trying to look at the big picture. I think our kids have done a really good job of saying 'let's get this

seven innings, let's get this game and then we'll start back at 0-0 and get the next game."

Junior Emily Ira is Western Illinois' star pitcher. She won the 2017 Summit League Pitcher of the Year. Ira has 3.12 earned run average and has 137 strike outs, both are second place standings in the Summit League.

"We'll try to look back to last

year, as far as some tendencies, and continue to make adjustments every inning, every game, as we continue to see their staff," Wood said about WIU's pitching.

These are not the final games of the season for the Jacks. They will play their first and last home game in a doubleheader May 1 against North Dakota.

Wood said the Jacks are excited to be in a position to take the regular season conference title, something they've never done.

"We've been talking about it since the Fort Wayne games were over. It'll be a great opportunity for us to see what we can do," she said.

Jacks drop two against ORU, set sights on Fort Wayne

TRENTON ABREGO
Sports Reporter

Over the weekend, South Dakota State dropped two of their three games to the Summit League-leading Oral Roberts Golden Eagles.

It was an improvement from their earlier series, where the Golden Eagles swept the Jackrabbits.

The Jacks won the first game 3-1, then the Golden Eagles struck back with 7-3 and 8-1 victories.

In the series opener, the Jacks were led by sophomore left-handed starting pitcher Brady Stover, who fanned 10 batters in six and one-third innings.

During the second game, the Jacks pushed their lead to 3-0, but squandered it when the Mastodons scored seven straight unanswered runs.

The Jacks batted a .132 average in the series, leaving 28 batters on base.

The struggle continued for sophomore right-hander Brady Moxham, who has a 6.34 ERA. He will be moved down in the rotation to the third spot. Sophomore right-hander, Tyler Olmstead, who is 2-2 with a 3.66 ERA, will move into the second spot.

Despite their early sea-

son struggles, the Jacks are now third in the Summit League, behind Oral Roberts and Omaha.

On Wednesday, April 25, the Jacks will stop in Minneapolis, Minnesota, for a non conference game to take on the No. 21 Minnesota Golden Gophers at Siebert Field.

"We want to win, but to me it's more about our team development," head coach Rob Bishop said.

Up next in the Summit League, the Jacks will travel to Fort Wayne, Indiana, to take on last-place Fort Wayne Mastodons.

In their last encounter, the Jacks dominated the Mastodons, sweeping them in a three-game series.

The Mastodons (9-24, 5-13) will be coming off a weekend sweep of the second-place Omaha Mavericks where they plated 27 runs in three games.

Prior to that series, the Mastodons have struggled throughout the season. A main stressor for the Jacks will be to stop their momentum.

"Hopefully we will be able to come out in that first game and set the tone and cool those bats off, each week has its own momentum," Bishop said. "We have to do a good job on Friday."

Being the worst team in the Summit League hasn't translat-

ed to the Mastodons' bats. Fort Wayne batters rarely strikeout, with only 210 on the season — the least amount of strikeouts in the Summit League.

"They are really aggressive," Bishop said. "They swing early and they have some power. They are a team that when they get offensive momentum, they can get a lot of runs."

Despite having the second-best batting average in the Summit League at .251, the Mastodons haven't been able to take advantage of baserunners scoring just 132 runs in their 33 games.

Sophomore second baseman Mike Snyder had a weekend in which he batted .429 and won a share of Summit League Player of the Week.

Senior starting pitcher Brandon Phelps has led the way with a 4-3 record and a 4.58 ERA.

Part of the season's struggle for the Mastodons has been their inability to pitch and play defense effectively. As a team, the Mastodons own a league-worst 6.78 ERA.

Fort Wayne has committed 59 errors in 33 games this season, which is another Summit League low.

Despite having a rough season, the Mastodons have been best at Mastodon Field, their



Collegian photo by **ABBY FULLENKAMP**
Senior Phil Velez passes the ball to catcher Ian Cote during practice April 17 in Dana J. Dykhouse Stadium. The Jacks face Minnesota 6 p.m. April 25 in Minneapolis, Minnesota. The Jacks are 10-22 in the overall season.

home stadium, where they are 5-6.

"Everyone is better at home," Bishop said.

The three-game series against Fort Wayne will begin at 2 p.m. April 27, and the second game will start at 1 p.m. on April 28. The series finale between

SDSU and Fort Wayne will start at noon April 29.

"Thursday morning we will drive to Fort Wayne, practice Thursday night, then hopefully play three good games and come back and take our finals," Bishop said.

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Top five sports moments of 2017-18

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Sports Editor

With finals next week and this being The Collegian’s last issue of the school year, I decided to take a look back at this year’s five most memorable moments in South Dakota State sports.

1. Seth Gross wins SDSU’s first-ever Division I Wrestling Championship



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Junior wrestler Seth Gross came up short in the 2017 NCAA Wrestling Tournament and was on a path to redemption in 2018. Gross lost only one match in the regular season when he moved up to the 141-pound weight class to face Wyoming’s Bryce Meredith. Gross defeated Stevan Micic of Michigan in the national championship 13-8 and finished with a record of 29-1 in the 2017-18 season. This was the first national champion for SDSU since going to Division I.

2. Men’s and women’s basketball win Summit League Championship



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Some media members called it “the biggest day in South Dakota sports history” when the SDSU men and women were matched up against USD in the Summit League Basketball Championship. Even though the games weren’t all that competitive, it was a good day for SDSU. The men defeated the Coyotes 97-87 and the women won 65-50. Both teams fell in the first round of the NCAA Tournament.

3. Football defeats North Dakota State in Dakota Marker Game



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The Jackrabbit football team needed a great performance against NDSU if they wanted to make the FCS Playoffs, and they did just that. SDSU dominated from start to finish, forcing five turnovers and defeating the Bison 33-21. This was the second straight season the Jacks won the Dakota Marker Game. The Bison, did however, go on to win the FCS Championship and the Jacks fell to James Madison in the semifinals.

4. Soccer goes undefeated in Summit League regular season



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The 2017 season for the SDSU soccer team ended abruptly when they fell to North Dakota State 2-0 in the semifinals of the Summit League Tournament. But that doesn’t erase what the Jacks did in the regular season. SDSU went 11-5-3 overall and 7-0 in the Summit League.

5. King and Cayo win Summit League Athlete of the Year



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Junior Rachel King and sophomore Chase Cayo each won Summit League Athlete of the Year in cross country. Both won the Summit League Championship race. King and Cayo also competed in the NCAA Midwest Regionals. King came in 10th and Cayo came in 45th.



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ATHLETE OF THE WEEK:

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South Dakota State's track and field team participated in the Northern State Twilight April 20 and won 15 events.

One of those victories came from Haley Mottinger, who won the 100-meter hurdle. This was the first time Mottinger had won the event and she set a new personal best with a time of 14.73 seconds. For this performance, Mottinger is The Collegian Athlete of the Week.

The Jacks will be at the Mount Marty Twilight April 25 in Yankton and the Drake Relays April 26 through 28 in Des Moines, Iowa.



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Sophomore Haley Mottinger competes in the women's 100 meter hurdles during the SD Invitational meet April 11 at USD. Mottinger placed 10th with a time of 15.54.



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Junior Skyler Monaghan runs in the second heat of the men's 400 meter dash during the South Dakota Invitational meet April 10 at the University of South Dakota in Vermillion.

Sports in brief

Men's Tennis

SDSU's men's tennis team won their first and only match of the season April 20 when they defeated Augustana 5-2. The Jacks fell to Oral Roberts 5-2 April 21 and Denver 7-0 April 22.

Senior Marco Paulo Castro, junior Elliot Ward and junior Alexander Reinke

all won single points for the Jacks against Augustana. Castro and junior Emerson Styles won the points for SDSU against Oral Roberts.

What's next: This concluded the 2017-18 season for the Jacks. They finished the season 1-18 overall and 0-7 in the conference.

Track and Field

The South Dakota State men's and women's track and field teams came away with 15 event victories April 20 at the Northern State Twilight in Aberdeen.

Junior Skyler Monaghan won the men's 200-meter race and freshman Michael Schwingamer won the 1,500-meter race. It was the first time each athlete had won the race in their career.

Sophomore Haley Mottinger won the 100-meter hurdle race

and set a new personal record with a time of 14.73 seconds. It was also her first career victory in the event.

Freshman Madison Mingo won the high jump and freshman Emily Altenburg won the long jump. Sophomore Anthony Adera won the pole vault.

What's next: The Jacks will participate in the April 25 Mount Marty Twilight in Yankton and the Drake Relays April 26 through 28 in Des Moines, Iowa.

Women's Golf

The Jackrabbit women's golf team finished the season at the Summit League Championships in Nebraska City, Nebraska. SDSU finished with a total score of 904 and came in third place. North Dakota State won the championship with a score of 888. opk

Sophomore Teresa Toscano tied for first at the end of the final round with Sophie Newlove of Denver and Natalie Roth of NDSU after they all finished with a 217. They plated a one hole playoff and Newlove par'd it, while Toscano and Roth got a bogey.

Senior Natcha Srimaneerungroj finished in 14th with a score of 230 and freshman Cassidy Laidlaw tied for 18th with a 235.

What's next: This was the final tournament of the season for the Jacks. They finished in the top three in their final four tournaments.

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